

Regional Management Chapter 6

Providing leadership and direction to Land, Enforcement, Water and other staff in regions and local geographic areas

The Fish & Wildlife Account pays for about 27 percent or \$1.4 million of the \$5.1 million the department spends on regional management and 14 of its 52 positions.

The remaining 38 positions and \$3.7 million are provided through general purpose tax revenue, environmental funds, and the rest of the Conservation Fund.

How is regional management funded?

Funding source	\$ (in millions)	%
Fish & Wildlife Account	1.4	27
Rest of Conservation Fund	0.7	13
General Fund	2.9	57
Environmental Fund	0.1	3
Total	5.1	100

Where does your Fish & Wildlife money go?

Maintain contact with local government, conservation groups and citizens on fish and wildlife issues

Direct department field staff and the work they do in local geographic areas

Develop and lead citizen partnership teams in local geographic areas

Oversee consistency of decisions and policies across regions

What did your money accomplish in 2003–2004?

Maintain contact with citizens on fish and wildlife issues: Our field managers continue to work on numerous projects with a wide range of partners that include local conservation clubs, civic organizations, nonprofit groups, government agencies, and statewide or national organizations.

Contact with hunters, anglers and other citizens, gathering input on decisions, clarifying department policies and initiatives and answering citizens' questions are high priorities.

Direct field staff and the work they do: Our managers provide leadership and direction to all DNR field staff—including those in fish, wildlife, enforcement and licensing—as these

employees make daily decisions affecting natural resources in local geographic areas.

Develop and lead local partnerships: The DNR supports local partnerships that pull together people and organizations interested in natural resources. Many partnerships work to restore habitats, manage local natural resources and collect essential data for planning. Some work to influence natural resource policies.

Oversee consistency of decisions and policies across Regions: Field managers work to build consistency in policy and practice across regional boundaries, working for the equitable treatment of all Wisconsin's citizens.

Where are we going in 2004-2005?

Direct field staff and the work they do.

Continue building partnerships in local geographic areas: Efforts continue to refine and improve partnerships, share information and decision making with partners, and move forward to implement the recommendations of these teams.

Manage for consistent application of policy across programs and the state: Maintain communication across programs and regions to ensure consistent policy application.

